the charge of maintaining training schools of crime until the construc-tion and mauaging of these places are radically changed, so that the inmates shall be separately confined, and all contaminating intercourse rendered impossible." The testimony of prison reform experts all runs in this way. One affirms that the county jall is the one great blot on our penal system. If you would reform prisoners you must separate them. If you would keep the criminal from becoming more criminal you must not herd them together.

It now remains for me to speak of our own duty as good citizens and as

1. To remove the causes of crime.
We are verily guilty concerning our
weak brother when we will not remove the stumbling block that lies in his way. We show that we set little store by his reformation. Let us then close the saloon and keep it closed. Let us endeavor to lift up the com-munity in its moral character. Let us keep the law of the State, and teach others to do so. As we urge that men render to God the things that are God's, so let us urge that they also render to the State the things that belong to the State. Let us faithfully train our children and the young under our influence. In this matter we can not be too careful nor too diligent. If we save our children for Christ we will also save them for the State and for society. Let us be watchful against the corrupt liter-ature that is so harmful. The 'dime nove's' have ruined thousands; look out for them. Some of our papers have no conscience on this matter; keep them out of your homes. Good morals are more to be valued than political agreement or commercial usefulness.

2. Let us require and urge a prompt and vigorous enforcement of law. We should have no spologies for men who bear the sword in vain, and who study how to shirk their responsibility. The speedy and strong enforcement of law is, after all, kindness to the offender and profitable to the State, and helpful

good morals.

3. We ought to insist that the man-3. We ought to insist that the management of our prisons, be kept out of politics. The Prison Congress held in Cincinnati spoke strongly as to the necessity of having prison officials who are qualified and trained and skillful. If reformation be sought after, the place requires "self devotion, a calm and cautious judgment, great firmness of purpose, and steadiness of action, large experience. a true sympathy, and experience, a true sympathy, and morality above suspicion." But it is impossible to have such officials so long as our jails are made a part of the political power of the county, and our Penitentiaries are cast as footballs into the field of party politics. Mr. C. D. Warner has said that "To reform determined criminals under a sentence of the law is the most difficult task ever yet set to human skill, sympathy and ability." And yet this task is often made a matter of party reward, with little thought of the official's fitness for the place. And if he appreciates his responsibility and conscientiously seeks to fit himself for meeting it, about the time that he becomes well qualified to do so, he is thrown out of place to make room for some party clacquer in a new administration.

administration.

4. We should bring to bear upon the criminal every possible reformatory influence. In some States the system of indeterminate sentences has been introduced, that is, the length of the constant approach to vict's sentence does not depend upon the arbitrary will of the Judge who pre-sides at his trial, but it depends upon the convict's conduct in prison, and the promise of his reformation. In this way the prisoner has an inducement to reform, and in many cases this plan has worked well. Then in some States, our own among the number, the parole system has been introduced. The con-vict who gives evidence of reformation may be pardoned conditionally, and in case he returns to crime he is subject to arrest and imprisonment under his former sentence. Mr. W. H. Neff, of Cincinnati, who is an honored and intelligent elder in the Preebyterian pully and sir it did look Church, and a member of the Board of State Charities, in an address delivered by him a few days ago, made the following statement:

lowing statement:

"In prison reform Ohio is first of the States. The parole system is working admirably, beyond the most sanguine anticipations of its friends. It is reformatory in the highest degree. It is known that more than half of those paroled are leading honest and reputable lives, and only one-twentieth of them are known to have turned out badly."

Then to these criminals within our prisons and outside of them we should bring the gospel of Christ. There are in our communities men and women who are criminals in intent, and

in our communities men and women who are criminals in intent, and many of them, in fact, who need the restraining and sanctifying influences of religion. We should not despise them, neither should we despair of them. We are too ready to say that the oriminal can not be reformed. In our want of faith we forget that God governs the world. We forget that thousands have been reformed and led into Christain obedience and hope. Besides, the surest way to help a man to do better is to treat him as though he was better than he is. As a rule men try to meet the he is. As a rule men try to meet the expectations of their friends. We lift

he is. As a rule men try to meet the expectations of their friends. We lift men up when we believe they can be lifted up. Let us not forget that a true work of reformation calls for the regenerating power of the spirit of God. Use all the means we may, religion must supplement them all.

5. Let us remember that the criminal is a sinner for whom Christ died. One thing that makes men's hearts tender toward Jesus now is the fact that He receiveth sinners. He casteth devils out of the hearts and lives of the worst. And He sends us to the worst, as well as to the best, with His call to repentance, and His offer of pardon.

6. We should endeavor to save the young. This work done, crime will soon end. There are so many influences about our youth to drag them down, and all lovers of the young and lovers of good morals and Christains should strive to overcome these evil influences. The old sinner may be rescued, but it would have been far better and easier to have saved him in his boyhood. If poor Margaret, that mother of criminals, had only been rescued in her young girlhood, the world would never have been cursed with her dread heritage of crime. There are other poor Margarets in our communities, outcast girls who need a kind hand and words of help. And

there are boys who are wayward because they are friendless. There are many who are growing up to become criminals or paupers unless they are soon set in the right way. Here is work for Sunday School teachers. We should go to the homes of the wicked and endeavor to save their children We have little patience with men and women who coddle dogs and lavish their care upon pets, when there are poor boys and girls who are hungry and perishing for lack of love and care.

7. And lastly, let us put ourselves 7. And lastly, let us put ourselves beside the criminal, for we ourselves are sinners before God. We are all under condemnation, and under condemnation for our sins. You have not fallen so low as some others have fallen, but perhaps you have never been so tempted as they. Gov. Seymour, of New York, said: "After listening to thousands of prayers for pardon I can hardly recall a case where I did not feel that I might have fallen as my fellow-man has done if I had been subjected to the same demoralizing in fellow-man has done if I had been subjected to the same demoralizing influences, and pressed by the same temptations." Let us place ourselves beside the criminal and try to save them. If any are trying to rise let us help them. There is nothing that will bring us so near to the Baylor of sinners. As Jesus scrupled not to lay his healing hand upon the leper, so let us not refuse to lay the hand of encouragement and help upon the criminal and the condemned.

### How It Was Done at the Ridge.

NEWS-HERALD Special. SUGARTREE RIDGE, Nov. 19th, 1888. MR. EDITOR:-I thought I would write and tell you whats been the goins on about here and in this part uv the wourld. We'ev bin haven the darndest hottest times over the lection ever you seen. I tell you some uv us got on high hosses. But then all us fellers what voted for Cleveland is jist as cool as kukumbers now. We'ev bin haven lots of doing down here and I'm just goin to tell you about some of em. We'eve had lots of big speeches and one thing and an nother. But we'eve not had nothen to compare to our pole raisin, which we put up afore the lection. It was a great big hickery pole and it tuck fore hosses to hall it. of course it wus a little crucked but we dident care fur that, we was going to have a pole crucked or no crucked. It was about a hundred feet longarter we spliced a piece uv lind wood on top (we done that in honer uv the Prohibition party you know the Republicans wont do nuthen fur them kase they believe in free licker) an then we fastened a little rooster on top uv it (poor little feller he died uv grefe) and Sot the day to raise that pole and tole everybody and tole them to tell there nabors, and we hired a band ter play musick fur us. Well air it jist seemed ter us like the day would never come ter rase that pole but it come at at last uv by Rev. Conger. corse and rain came with it (fur it always rains when we want ter have a big time) wus going to cary our kalkilatins inter day. effect. So we shot away about a half pound uv powder ter let the people no and some uv the boys went clere to New Market arter another quarters worth more. I tell you we dident care fur expences. And sir about dinner time we had some uv the darndest little rackets ever you seen. Well sir we had the awfulest bigest crowd uv people here that day. I dident have time to count them but I heard some body say there must be about too hundred that is countin wimin, children, Republicans and all. But then they dident help rase the pole we done that. And arter we got it raised we run a flag to ter top by means of the marriage of their daughter, Miss all jist stood back and said let her flote. I had about ferget ter tell you that we tied lanterns ter the rope at night and pulled them to the top uv the pole The happy couple left on the afternoon which looked mighty purty. Well sir when lection day come we wus all red hot an every man was at his post we made an awful hard fite and done our best an we made bets but it wasent no use they beat us an we had ter pay our bets. Some says it wus the thing they call tariff that done it. I dont know maybe it wus an somebody said tother day it wasent cided yet and maybe weed get our president yet but we feel awful week in the nees about it the Republicans had a kinder uv a Jollification here friday night but we dident enjoy it none but we dident let on. Mebby we will all feel better arter we git up Salt river

ter cut that pole down. Yours respectively

and get a few days fishin we low to start

some time this week. Well this is bout

all the lection news I can think about.

P. S. What hurt us the worst we had

UNION COLLEGE.

November 26th, 1888,

Lookout for the "White Caps."

Misses Mae Boggess and Louetta Moberly spent Sunday at Union.

The institute which is held every Wednesday night at Schoffner's is in a

flourishing condition. Mrs. F. Douglass, of Dayton, O., is cojourning with relatives in this vicinity. Mr. George Hawk purchased all the

turkeys in this community and drove

them to the Hill City last week. John Hoop and wife, of near Sicily,

were the guests of John Coffman and family Sunday. Elder J. T. Crawford filled his regular | ing a second time.

Elder Wm. Ellis, of Lynchburg, will some two months ago? Winter is compreach at Union the second Sunday in ing and it would be a good plan to revive December and Saturday night preceding. it again.

HILLSBORO, TLL., Nov. 18th, '88. EDITOR NEWS-HERALD :- After much hesitation I have decided to write a few lines to your most excellent paper. On the bright, sunny afternoon of October 4th at Greenfield we bade many kind friends farewell and started on our journey westward. We reached the end of our journey the day after we left Greenfield. After visiting our many friends we set up housekeeping on the farm that was our home ten years ago. The NEWS-HERALD is a welcome visitor

among us. I will give a short description of this country which we expect to make our future home. Montgomery is our county. We live three miles from Hillsboro, the county seat. An eight-foot strata of coal has been struck near it, which adds to its activity. It is near the size of Greenfield and has six churches. Through it runs the I. & St. L. R. R., noted for its well graveled track.

There was a splendid crop of corn raised here. Hogs are scarce and high, Cattle are plenty and low. The oats crop was also good. Although the wheat crop was considered a failure, one of my uncles raised 130 bushels on six acres.

This is a Democratic county, but the Republicans did their best, in the way of big rallies, to secure the election of their ticket. And after Harrison was elected President and Joe Fifer Governor of Illinois they did their part at jollifica-

Should this missive appear in the columns of your paper I may, at some future time, call again.

F. G. HUGHES.

NEW LEXINGTON.

November 26th, 1888. Miss Ella Wise, of Washington C. H., visited at J. J. Duff's Saturday and Sun-

C. P. Tener, of Hillsboro, visited his

father at this place last Sunday. Wes. VanPelt, of Leesburg, called or

friends here last Sunday evening. James Davis and wife, of near Rainsboro, were guests of Prof. Barrett and family last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Rose Wise, of Washington C. H., s spending the week with Miss Hattie

Will Miller, of Rainsboro, returned home Sunday, after a few days visit with Prof. Barrett and family.

Mrs. Sarah Hockett, of New Vienna, visiting at Ike McPherson's. Thanksgiving services at the M. E.

Church next Thursday to be conducted Misses Lena Gibson, Rose Kerr and

Eliza Pavey, of Washington C. H., visitbut we dident care a darn fur that we 'at Enos Haines' last Saturday and Sun-Lewis Syferd and wife spent Saturday

and Sunday with friends in Fayette county.

Will Adams and wife, of Loveland, visited at Elias Adams' Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Powell will move to Bowersville to-day, where she will engage in ceeping hotel.

Mrs. Anna Gord and Miss Bertha Hallowell, of Careytown, visited at Jas. Patton's last Friday.

Quite a number of invited guests assembled at the residence of S. W. Horsman and wife last Wednesday to witness The ceremony was performed by Rev. Conger at high noon, after which the guests partook of a splendid repast. train for Columbus, returning to the groom's home in Samantha, where a grand reception awaited them. They were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents.

### MOWRYTOWN.

November 24th, 1888.

The masons have reached the fourth story on the roller mill. She's a dandy Singing last Sunday night, the 18th, at Rev. Willis'.

Mr. Rilea, while slacking lime at the mill, was struck by a piece which he was slacking. One eye pains him very much.

Born-To John Rose and wife, a girl; to John Allman and wife, twin girls; to Noah Gayman and wife, a girl; to

George Bencher and wife, a girl. Rev. Willis preached at the U. B. Church yesterday.

Mr. A. Jacobs and son have been working at their trade as tinners near Five Mile the past week.

Thanksgiving services will be held at the U. B. Church on Thursday at 10:30 a. m., and at the Presbyterian Church at

6:30 p. m. Singing last night at A. Sonner's by the young folks.

Miss Ella Edgington, who is teaching in Brown county, was home on a visit Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. Ellison visited his sister, Mrs. Nelson Winkle, Saturday.

We understand that the stockholders of the C. & E. R. R., of Brown county, have been doubled up and are pay-

appointment here Sunday. He was scoompanied by Mr. Acher, of Mt. Olivet. Debating Society which was organized

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